



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado received isolated showers along with higher than average temperatures. Although the rainfall was beneficial it was not enough to improve the already stressed crops. Field crops under heavy irrigation continue to progress nicely. The harvesting of winter wheat is nearing completion. The warm, dry weather allowed farmers 6 days in the field to continue fieldwork and other operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	23	38	37	2
Last Week	21	35	42	2
Last Year	26	46	27	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	34	43	23	0
Last Week	35	43	22	0
Last Year	24	46	30	0

Small Grains: Winter wheat was reported at 97 percent harvested by the end of the week. Spring wheat was 98 percent at or beyond headed and 50 percent at or beyond turning color. The crop is rated in good to fair condition. Spring barley was 100 percent at or beyond the headed stage and 70 percent at or beyond turning color by week's end. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 23, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Wheat	10	7	29	37	17
Spring Barley	1	7	23	48	21

Row Crops: The corn crop has reached 33 percent at or beyond the silked stage and 1 percent at or beyond the dough stage. The crop currently is rated in mostly good condition. The sorghum crop reached 100 percent emerged and 33 percent headed last week. The crop is rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes are

currently rated in excellent to good condition. The sugarbeet crop is mostly rated in good condition. The dry onion crop is also rated in mostly good condition. Fall potatoes are progressing nicely under heavy irrigation and are rated in good to excellent condition. Dry beans were 53 percent at or beyond the flowered stage by week's end. Dry beans were rated in mostly good condition. Sunflower producers completed planting last week with the crop currently rated in mostly good condition.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 23, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	3	6	23	53	15
Sorghum	1	12	25	61	1

Hay: Producers continue to cut alfalfa with 51 percent of the crop at or beyond the second cutting. The crop is currently rated in good to fair condition.

Pasture and Range: Overall, pasture and range feed conditions improved thanks to the much needed precipitation received during the past weeks.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were average for the week. Producers continue to feed supplements due to the lack of grazable range and pastures. Along with early weaning, producers continue to cull herds to relieve overgrazing of depleted pastures and rangeland.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 23, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2006	26	30	30	14	0
Prev. Year - 2005	9	26	43	19	3
5-Year Avg.	21	21	30	25	3

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Development Ratings for Week Ending July 23, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Ripe	100	99	100	98
Harvested	97	92	95	92
Spring Wheat				
Headed	98	92	100	100
Turning color	50	36	52	61
Spring Barley				
Headed	100	99	100	100
Turning color	70	43	60	71
Corn				
Silked	33	13	28	31
Dough	1	-	1	2
Sorghum				
Emerged	100	96	100	100
Headed	33	28	8	11
Sunflowers				
Planted	100	97	100	100
Alfalfa				
1 st cutting	100	97	100	100
2 nd cutting	51	38	47	41
Dry Beans				
Flowered	53	23	21	31

COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS ^{1/}

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Sunflower	3	9	28	54	6
Alfalfa hay	6	17	30	38	9
Dry Onions	3	3	19	54	21
Sugarbeets	6	10	23	50	11
Summer Potatoes	3	5	4	44	44
Fall Potatoes	0	12	20	47	21
Dry Beans	12	9	16	59	4

^{1/} Crop condition ratings ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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